

Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
Carlisle	Sarah	Sarah Carlisle is a planning and environmental lawyer with 20 years experience. She holds a Bachelor of Law (Hons) and a Bachelor of Arts. Sarah has developed extensive expertise in planning, environmental and administrative law. She has worked in both private practice and in the public sector in Victoria, and in the United Kingdom. She has a sound knowledge of Victorian strategic and statutory planning, having advised on a comprehensive range of issues including permit applications, planning scheme amendments, VCAT appeals, judicial review proceedings and proposals for legislative reform. She has advised extensively on the planning and environmental assessment and approvals processes for major projects. Sarah has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since January 2015, and a Senior Sessional Member since July 2017. She is currently an Acting Senior Panel Member.
Gowans	Rod	Rod holds qualifications in science and applied science. He has over 30 years experience in the management of natural resources on public and private land. He has worked in various executive leadership roles responsible for the management of national parks, conservation reserves and the conservation of biodiversity. He has national and international experience in programs for nature conservation and natural resource management. He has experience as a member of several statutory boards responsible for natural resource management. He was awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the 2007 Australia Day honours for outstanding public service to the conservation of biodiversity and to the management of national parks. Rod has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since 2008.
Vlok	Adrian	Adrian brings over 23 years of experience in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia working in the fields of natural resource management, environmental planning, pollution control, waste management, project due diligence, feasibility, approvals and community engagement. Adrian has extensive experience preparing statutory approval and permitting documents, appeals and expert witness/evidence statements (tribunal and court) and has extensive knowledge of environmental and planning law and policy, at a local, state and national level. Adrian has been a sessional member of Planning Panel Victoria since 2015.